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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
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The Consumer Services Department will be conducting separate drawings for a total of 25 taxicab medallions. Three separate drawings will be conducted for the categories and number of medallions as listed below.

Category	Number of Medallions
WHEELCHAIR	15
UNDERSERVED	5
SOUTH MIAMI DADE	5

As shown above, 15 of the medallions will be for wheelchair accessible vehicles, five (5) will be for the Underserved Area and five (5) will be for the South Miami Dade Area:

Those Miami-Dade taxicab chauffeurs who have continuously held a valid taxicab chauffeur's registration since **January 12, 2004** or before are eligible to participate in this lottery.

Applicants may apply for one or all three categories. Only one license will be issued in the category first selected should any applicant be selected in more than one category.

The Consumer Services Department, Passenger Transportation Regulatory Division (PTRD) will begin accepting applications on Monday, January 12, 2009, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 140 W. Flagler Street, Suite 904, Miami, Florida 33130. Office is open Monday through Friday only, except for holidays. Applications will be accepted through Monday, March 2, 2009, at 4 p.m. No application will be accepted after this date and time.

IMPORTANT: Each lottery applicant must submit his/her application in person -- picture identification will be required. Applications may be submitted by 3rd parties upon the presentation of a current, valid, power of attorney. The original power of attorney must be presented at the time of submission.

LOTTERY FEES (NON-REFUNDABLE):

Investigative and processing fee	\$170.00
Lottery entry fee	\$100.00 (per each lottery entered)

Payment method: Credit Card (Visa or Master Card only). Cashier's Check or Money Order payable to Board of County Commissioners. No Business or Personal checks.

For-hire medallions shall be issued to lottery winners upon submission of complete application and approval for for-hire medallion and payment of \$25,000.00. Medallion payment, in full, is due within one hundred and twenty (120) days after the lottery.

Separate drawings will be held for the following categories:

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE MEDALLIONS (WAC) LOTTERY – 15 MEDALLIONS

Fifteen (15) of the for-hire medallions to operate a taxicab shall be set aside for Miami-Dade taxicab chauffeurs who have continuously held a valid taxicab chauffeur's registration since January 12, 2004 or before and who:

- shall be authorized to pick up passengers anywhere in Miami-Dade County with the exception of Miami International Airport (MIA). Medallions issued in this category shall be prohibited from picking up passengers at MIA;
- shall have a mobile two-way radio or electronic dispatch system, installed and operating properly that is connected to and subscribed to service with a passenger service company that has a fixed-base call center operated twenty-four (24) hours a day, 365 days a year and by which a dispatcher may communicate with the taxicab chauffeur during all hours of vehicle operation to provide for-hire transportation to a passenger;
- are not presently holders of a Miami- Dade County for-hire taxicab medallion;
- have not previously held a for-hire taxicab license or had an interest in a license;
- do not presently have any interest in a corporation, partnership, or any other business entity which holds a Miami-Dade County for-hire taxicab medallion; and
- satisfy the requirements of Section 31-82(c).

Additional information regarding wheelchair accessible vehicles is provided below.

UNDERSERVED AREA LOTTERY – 5 MEDALLIONS

Five (5) of the for-hire medallions to operate a taxicab shall be set aside for Miami-Dade taxicab chauffeurs who have continuously held a valid taxicab chauffeur's registration since January 12, 2004 or before and who:

- shall be restricted to picking up passengers in an underserved taxicab service area only, as defined in Section 31-93(c) of the Miami-Dade County Code;
- shall enter into an agreement with a passenger service company which has its principal place of business in an underserved taxicab service area;
- shall have a mobile two-way radio or electronic dispatch system, installed and operating properly that is connected to and subscribed to service with a passenger service company that has a fixed-base call center operated twenty-four (24) hours a day, 365 days a year and by which a dispatcher may communicate with the taxicab chauffeur during all hours of vehicle operation to provide for-hire transportation to a passenger;
- are not presently holders of a Miami- Dade County for-hire taxicab medallion;
- have not previously held a for-hire taxicab medallion or had an interest in a medallion;
- do not presently have any interest in a corporation, partnership, or any other business entity which holds a Miami-Dade County for-hire taxicab medallion;
- shall place a vehicle into service that shall be no greater than eight (8) model years of age and that shall not be used after ten (10) model years of age; and
- satisfy the requirements of Section 31-82(c).

SOUTH MIAMI DADE AREA (SMDA) LOTTERY – 5 MEDALLIONS

Five (5) of the for-hire medallions to operate a taxicab shall be set aside for Miami-Dade taxicab chauffeurs who have continuously held a valid taxicab chauffeur's registration since January 12, 2004 or before and who:

- shall be restricted to picking up passengers in the South Miami Dade taxicab service area only, as defined in Section 31-93(d) of the Miami-Dade County Code;
- shall have a mobile two-way radio or electronic dispatch system, installed and operating properly that is connected to and subscribed to service with a passenger service company that has a fixed-base call center operated twenty-four (24) hours a day, 365 days a year and by which a dispatcher may communicate with the taxicab chauffeur during all hours of vehicle operation to provide for-hire transportation to a passenger;
- are not presently holders of a Miami- Dade County for-hire taxicab medallion;
- have not previously held a for-hire taxicab license or had an interest in a license;

- do not presently have any interest in a corporation, partnership, or any other business entity which holds a Miami-Dade County for-hire taxicab medallion; and
- satisfy the requirements of Section 31-82(c).

If you are selected as a lottery winner and meet the requirements of the Code when awarded the taxicab for-hire license you must operate the for-hire license one (1) out of two (2) shifts per day on an average of five (5) days per week.

The following information must be provided at time of application (Section 31-82(c) of the Code):

- (1) Sufficient information to identify the applicant, including but not limited to full legal name, and trade name, date of birth, telephone number, and residence address, of the applicant. **Post office box addresses will not be accepted.**
- (2) The names and addresses of at least **three (3) Miami-Dade County residents** as references.
- (3) A record of all crimes to which the applicant has pled nolo contendere, pled guilty, or of which the applicant has been found guilty or been convicted, whether or not adjudication has been withheld within the five (5) years preceding the date of the application.
- (4) Submit a sworn statement signed by the applicant that all the information provided by the applicant is true and correct.
- (5) Applicant shall list the chauffeur's registration number and include a sworn statement that (1) the applicant is the holder of a valid Miami-Dade County taxicab chauffeur's registration, (2) that during the five (5) years prior to application, the applicant has not had his or her Miami-Dade County taxicab chauffeur's registration suspended or revoked or has not been found guilty of more than five (5) violations of this chapter. The CSD shall disqualify applicants who do not meet the requirements of this section from participation in the lottery. **The director's decision shall be final.**
- (6) Submit any additional information as the Director shall require to enforce the provisions of this article.

Pursuant to 31-82(d), no person shall be issued a for-hire medallion who:

- (1) Has misrepresented or concealed a material fact on his, her, or its application;
- (2) Is an alien who is not duly authorized to work by the immigration laws or the Attorney General of the United States;
- (3) Is a user of alcohol or drugs whose current use would constitute a direct threat to property or the safety of others;
- (4) Has pled nolo contendere, pled guilty, been found guilty or been convicted of a felony within the last five (5) years, regardless of whether adjudication has been withheld, unless his or her civil or residency rights have been restored;
- (5) Has pled nolo contendere, pled guilty, been found guilty or been convicted of any crime wherein a for-hire vehicle was employed whether or not adjudication has been withheld;
- (6) Has pled nolo contendere, pled guilty, been found guilty or been convicted of any felony, regardless of whether adjudication has been withheld, involving moral turpitude relating to sex, the use of a deadly weapon, homicide, trafficking in narcotics, violence against a law enforcement officer under §775.0823, Florida Statutes, or is a habitual violent felony offender under §775.084, Florida Statutes;
- (7) Has violated any condition, limitation, or restriction of a for-hire medallion imposed by the director or commission where the director deems the violation to be grounds for denial;

- (8) Was enjoined by a court of competent jurisdiction from engaging in the for-hire business or was enjoined by a court of competent jurisdiction with respect to any of the requirements of this chapter;
- (9) Has as a stockholder, officer, director, or partner of a corporation or partnership committed an act or omission which would be cause for denying a for-hire license to the officer, director, stockholder, or partner as an individual;
- (10) Failed to comply with the terms of a cease and desist order, notice to correct a violation or any other lawful order of the director;
- (11) Has any unsatisfied civil penalty or judgment pertaining to for-hire operations;
- (12) Has had a for-hire medallion issued by Miami-Dade County revoked;
- (13) Has within the last five (5) years pled nolo contendere, pled guilty, been found guilty or been convicted of any misdemeanor (regardless of whether adjudication is withheld) involving moral turpitude relating to sex; or
- (14) Has within the last ten (10) years pled nolo contendere, pled guilty, been found guilty or been convicted (regardless of whether adjudication is withheld) of any offense involving trafficking in narcotics. After said ten (10) year period, such person shall only be eligible if and when his or her civil or residency rights have been restored.

This is only an information package - for full details, please refer to the Miami-Dade County Code, Chapter 31-82. For questions regarding the 2009 Taxicab Lottery, call Steven Bobes at (305) 375-2481.

SOUTH MIAMI DADE AREA

The South Miami Dade Area (SMDA) begins south of SW 88th Street and ends south at the Miami Dade County line (SW 392 Street). All lottery awarded SMDA licenses are restricted to picking up passengers within the designated area only. See attached map.

UNDERSERVED AREA (UA)

Licenses issued under this category are restricted to picking up passengers within the following designated area and the Passenger Service Company the license owner associates with must have its principal place of business in an underserved taxicab service area. See attached map.

The UA area is bounded

- on the North by a line commencing at NW 47th Avenue and NW 215th Street running east to NE 2nd Avenue;
- on the east by a line commencing at NW 215th Street and running north to south along NE 2nd Avenue to NW 7th Street;
- on the south by a line commencing at NE 2nd avenue and running west along NW 7th Street to NW 42nd Avenue;
- on the west by a line commencing at NW 7th Street and NW 42nd Avenue north to NW 119th Street, west along NW 119th Street to NW 47th Avenue, north along NW 42nd Avenue to NW 135th Street, west along NW 135th Street to NW 57th Avenue, north along NW 57th Avenue to NW 167th Street, east along NW 167th Street to NW 47th Avenue, north along NW 47th Avenue to NW 215th Street.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE VEHICLES

A Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle is a vehicle that has been significantly modified and specially equipped with the installation of lifts or other equipment necessary for the transport of disabled persons who use wheelchairs or wheelchair conveyances.

Following are specific requirements for Wheelchair Accessible Taxicab Licenses:

ADVERTISING:

Operators of wheelchair accessible taxicabs shall advertise in the Yellow Pages of the Miami-Dade County Telephone Directory under the trade name under which the owner operates indicating that it is capable of providing service to wheelchair passengers and that such requests for service shall receive priority over all other service requests. Any advertising must contain the For-Hire License Number.

CHAUFFEUR CERTIFICATION:

Chauffeurs operating a wheelchair accessible vehicle must be certified in the safe and proper methods of securing, transporting, and dealing with passengers utilizing a wheelchair.

LICENSE FEES:

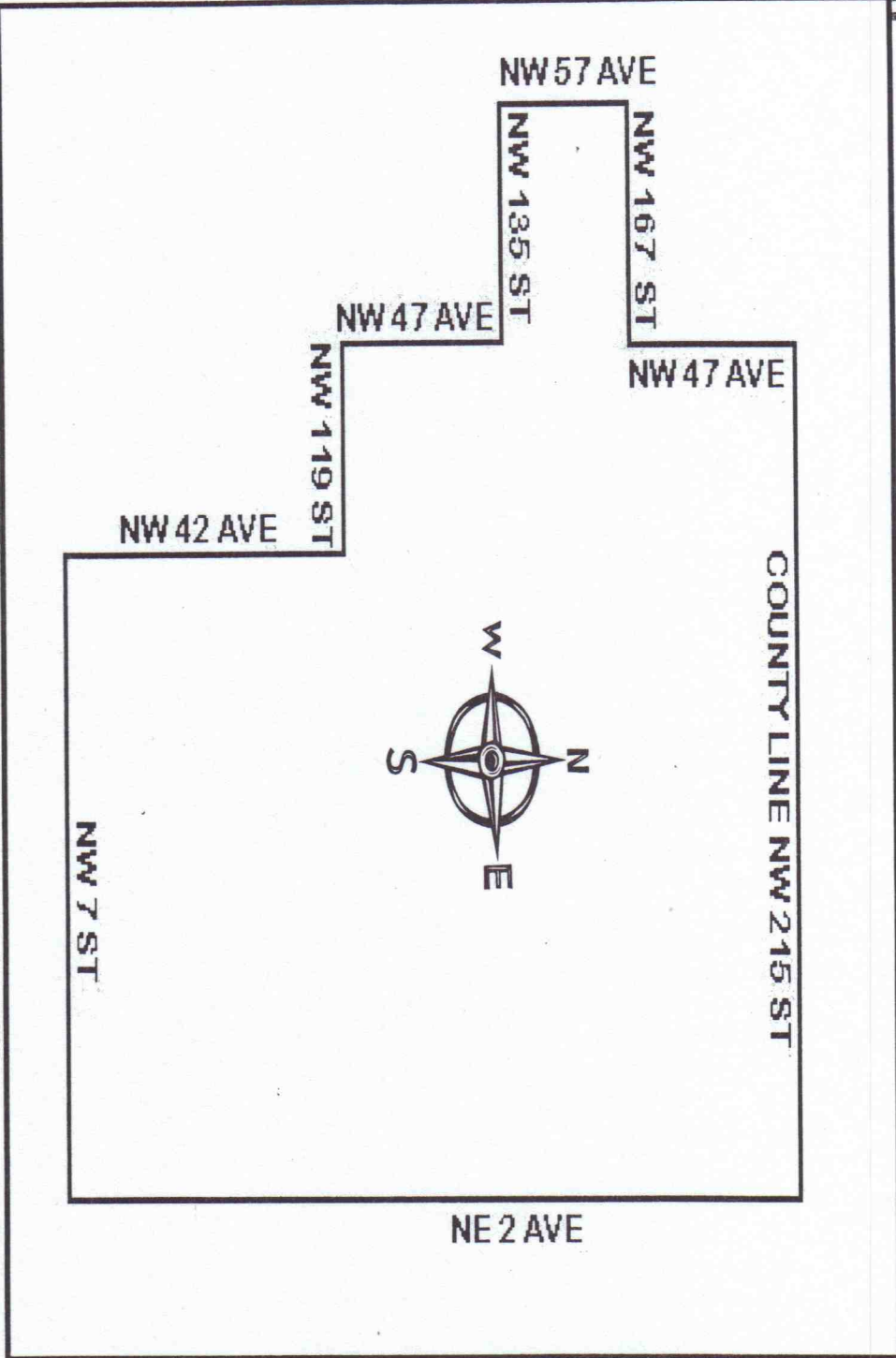
The cost of each Wheelchair Accessible Taxicab (WAC) License is \$25,000.00.

VEHICLE STANDARDS:

Wheelchair Accessible Taxicabs

- ✓ are required to place the international symbol of accessibility for disabled persons on the taxicab;
- ✓ no vehicle going into service shall be older than five (5) model years;
- ✓ Wheelchair Accessible Taxicabs (WAC) will be allowed to operate 2 additional years (from 8 to 10 model years).

NORTH DADE UNDERSERVED AREA



UNDERSERVED AREA TAXICABS

South Miami-Dade Area Region Taxicab (S.M.A.R.T.)

